

serve it up

→ players focus on the ball

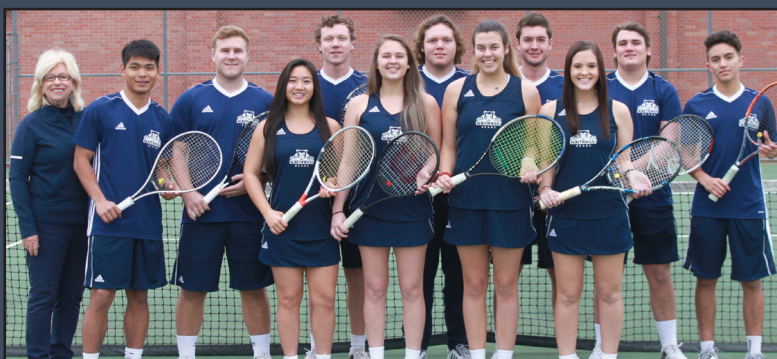
Tennis returned on campus for the first time in many years, and students and faculty alike rejoiced for the taste of a long-forgotten sport. The team was headed by coach Joyce Mabry. An avid tennis player, Mabry had served as the Southwest MS Tennis Coordinator for the United State Tennis Association and the Mississippi Tennis Association which included twenty-one counties, and she also had served as the head tennis coach at McComb High School. With an experienced mentor to guide them, the tennis team was guaranteed victory in the upcoming season.

Mabry said she is "excited that the tennis programs are now a part of the excellent athletic program. I am looking forward to working with the amazing players who we have on our teams."

Fourteen players, eight men and six women, make up the Bears tennis team, and each member had his or her own unique technique that contributed to the team's success. During both practices and games, the players displayed unwavering fight as they dove on the court and swung their rackets with unbelievable proficiency.

Mabry said, "Both teams have dedicated players who are willing to put in the hard work that it takes to succeed."

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above: Kimberly San, Alexandra Smith, Megan White, and Sarah Robinson; second row: Joyce Mabry, Head Coach; Jexequiel Dela Cruz, Skyler Rasberry, Matthew Phillips, Hunter Burgess, Luke Morgan, Cullin Hendry, and Daniel Espinosa



left: Kimberly San serves an ace; top left: Skyler Rasberry wins the point with a drop shot; opposite page: Alexandra Smith attacks with a fierce backhand; above: Matthew Phillips returns a serve with down the line.

